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1. Three Soviet aircraft landed at Hsiangfang airfield, Harbin, at 1 p.m. Four Chinese and six Soviet passengers left the plane and drove to the International Bookstore in Soviet jeeps. From there they proceeded to the Soviet Consulate, carrying with them nine wooden boxes.

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2. Thirty trainloads of cargo, consisting chiefly of clothing, were transported from Dairen to Harbin via Tumen (129-48, 42-55).

12 JANUARY 1948

- One Soviet transport plane landed at Hsiangfang airfield at 1 p.m. Six Soviet passengers were driven from the airfield into the city in a provincial government automobile. Four of the six Soviets had been invited by the Chinese Communist government to serve as special technicians in the Chinese Communist arsenal on Twelfth Street (Shih Erh Tao Chieh 二道街), in the Taoli (道里) District of Harbin. The arsenal is on the site of the former Bank of China building.
- The transport plane mentioned above also carried twenty-one heavy wooden boxes and six heavy machines, presumably intended for the arsenal. The machines were similar to those used in an iron foundry.

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5. A Soviet "Anti-Plague" [sig] Regiment, with a complement of 5,003 armed officers and men, arrived in Harbin from the USSR via Manchouli (117-27, 49-36). Troops of the regiment are assigned to duties with various Communist organizations by Zhuravlev, Director of the Chung-Ch'ang Railway Bureau, and are billeted in the Russian District in Nankang, Machiakou (馬家溝) while in Harbin.

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6. The senior officers of the regiment are Colonel Luyanov (? Lu-ya-no-fu) and Lt. Col. Yevunov (? Yeh-wu-nao-fu). They are quartered in the Soviet Consulate compound in Harbin. Four hundred technicians from their regiment were sent [date unstated] to Mutanchiang (129-37, 44-35) as production and training advisers.

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[redacted] Comment: Versions of Russian names in paragraph 6 are approximated from the Chinese phoneticization, as reported.

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7. A shipment of about 4,000 uniforms, in 142 large wooden boxes, was sent from the USSR to Harbin by rail, via Manchouli.

15-18 February 1948

8. The 1,100 Soviet railroad employees stationed in Harbin, all members of the Soviet "Overseas Military Training Unit", participated in a three day street-fighting maneuver, beginning on 15 February. Infantry, cavalry, artillery and mechanized forces engineer units joined the maneuvers, which lasted from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day. Two Soviet planes flew over to observe the demonstration each day.

Date unstated [between 12 January and 20 May 1948]

9. The output of the Chinese Communist arsenal in Harbin [see paragraph 3 above] is double that of January 1948. Fourteen additional Soviet specialists have since arrived in Harbin to work in the arsenal. Twenty-one Japanese technicians, formerly Soviet prisoners of war, are employed in the plant.

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